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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Gyanesh P. Khare
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For: DESULFURIZATION AND NOVEL SORBENT FOR SAME

SUPPLEMENTARY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A sorbent composition suitable for removing sulfur from a hydrocarbon-containing fluid, said sorbent composition comprising:

a reduced-valence noble metal;
zinc oxide; and
a carrier.

2. (Original) A sorbent composition in accordance with claim 1 wherein said reduced-valence noble metal has a valence which is less than the valence of the metal of the reduced-valence noble metal in its common oxidized state.